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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET MARRIAGES: FRIEDMAN-FEDICHEVA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FEDICHEVA INTERMEDIARY CITED IN REFTEL RETURNED TO EMBASSY MAY 14 TO REPORT STATUS THIS CASE. INTER-MEDIARY, WHO RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT DOCUMENTATION TO ISRAEL BUT INTENDS APPLY TO INS/ROME FOR IMMIGRATION US, EXPRESSED INTENTION SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT FOR CASE ONCE SHE IS IN US. CONSOFF REITERATED TO HER THAT EMBASSY/CONGEN ROLE WILL NOT BE REACTIVATED UNLESS FRIEDMAN HIMSELF DECIDES PURSUE CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERMEDIARY SAID FEDICHEVA GAVE BIRTH TO SON IN TALLIN APRIL 12 AND THAT BABY AND MOTHER IN GOOD HEALTH. SHE SAID FEDICHEVA INTENDS INSCRIBE CHILD AS IVAN LEONOVICH FRIEDMAN, AS HER SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT GIVES HER NAME AS FRIEDMAN. FEDICHEVA REPORTEDLY WANTS FRIEDMAN TO SEND HER LETTER STATING THAT HE IS FATHER OF CHILD. ACCORDING SOURCE, IF FRIEDMAN REFUSES TO DO SO, RECENT EMIGRANT FROM USSR LEONID TARASSUK, WHO IS NOW LECTURING IN NEW YORK, INTENDS SEND LETTER STATING CHILD IS HIS. SOURCE SAID THIS MANEUVERING IS IN EFFORT HEAD OFF SOVIET AUTHORITIES FROM ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD TO FEDICHEVA'S EX-HUSBAND ZODIAN, WHO SHE SAID IS BEING PRESSUED BY KGB TO TAKE
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RESPONSIBILITY ON THREAT THAT HE WILL OTHERWISE BE EXPELLED

FROM SOVIET LEGAL COLLEGIUM AND CPSU.

3. SOURCE SAID HEARING ON REOPENING FEDICHEVA-ZODIAN DIVORCE (OF LAST AUGUST) NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15. SHE SAID FEDICHEVA SPOKE WITH FRIEDMAN BY TELEPHONE AFTER CHILD'S BIRTH AND ASKED HIM APPEAR AT HEARING, BUT LATTER IS APPRARENLY RELUCTANT. SOURCE SAID FEDICHEVA HAS VISA FROM FRIEDMAN, WHICH WAS NOTARIZED AT CONGEN FOLLOWING THEIR MARRIAGE AND THAT SHE INTENDS APPLY PRIOR TO HEARING FOR PERMISSION EMIGRATE TO HIM.

4. SOURCE ALSO SAID CASE WAS SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL ATTENTION WHEN LENINGRAD PARTY CHIEF ROMANOV RECENTLY TOLD MEETING OF ELECTORS (FOR SUPREME SOVIET) THAT "A WELL-KNOWN BALLERINA HAS MARRIED AN AMERICAN AND APPLIED TO OVIR." ACCORDING SOURCE, ROMANOV CITED THIS AS EXAMPLE OF NEED FOR GREATER IDEOLOGICAL DISCIPLINE IN FINE ARTS.

5. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, CONSOFF EXPLAINED THAT ANY EMBASSY/CONGEN ROLE IN THIS CASE IS DEPENDENT UPON ACTIVE INTEREST ON PART OF FRIEDMAN. SOURCE DID NOT INSIST ON THIS POINT, AND SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRIEDMAN HAS FAILED PURSUE CASE TO DATE. SHE EXPRESSED INTENTION, HOWEVER, TO DO WHAT SHE CAN TO ENGENDER INTEREST IN CASE ONCE SHE IS IN U.S. STOESSEL

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